

WASHINGTON BOULEVARD OVERPASS

(War Department Bridge No. 5)

Washington Boulevard, spanning George Washington Memorial Parkway

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- Location: George Washington Memorial Parkway milepost 1.94, 1.0 mile from Interstate 395; carries Washington Boulevard over GWMP, on Columbia Island.
- Significance: Defense highway network.
- Description: The Washington Boulevard Overpass is 69' long carried in a single span. Deck is concrete cast in place, 50.8' wide. Superstructure is of the rigid frame type concrete. The overpass is skewed 33° from perpendicular of GWMP. Stone veneer wing walls?¹
- History: Built in 1942 as part of the defense highway network, the system of roads designed to accommodate the Pentagon traffic.
- Project Information: Documentation of the George Washington Memorial Parkway and Clara Barton Parkway was undertaken as a multi-year project by the Historic American Buildings Survey and the Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER), a combined division of the National Park Service, Robert Kapsch, chief. The project was sponsored by the Park Roads Program of the National Park Service, John Gingles, deputy chief, Engineering and Safety Services Division. The project supervisor was Sara Amy Leach, HABS historian. The Washington-based summer 1993 recording team was composed of historians Timothy Davis (University of Texas) and Michael Kucher (University of Delaware), and architects Gary McLeod (Catholic University of America) and Peter Ratcliffe (Catholic University of America).

See also: GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY (HAER No. VA-69) Computer Control Number VA1677 [cf. two other War Department Bridges along the GWMP]

Sources:

Plans for Proposed Project DA-WR-8, BR.5. Microfiche reductions of original construction drawings on file at the Bridge Inspection Office of the Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, Federal Highway Administration, Sterling Virginia.

Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, Federal Highway Administration, Sterling Virginia, Records office has a copy of the Final Report for the Whole Defense Road Network project in their remote storage facility in Sterling. There are also three cardboard boxes full of unsorted large-format photographs and negatives documenting the construction of the project in the same storage facility.

Historian: Michael P. Kucher, University of Delaware, Summer 1993.

¹SOMEONE NEEDS TO GO CHECK THE FINAL REPORT IN STERLING OR AT THE SITE.